



The Royal College of Radiologists

Emergency Imaging Audit -
Emergency non-traumatic abdominal imaging

Current acute abdomen pathways suggest that abdominal CT is performed and reported directly to surgeons within 1 hour of request and within 2 hours of ST3+ grade surgeon initial assessment.

In-hours

* 1. Is there a designated NELA Radiology Lead within your trust/health board?

Yes

No

* 2. Is there provision for in-hours emergency abdominal CT scans to be performed within your department?

Yes

No

* 3. Are patients with suspected acute abdominal pathology flagged via a standardised system to expedite CT reporting?

Yes

No

* 4. Is there an established acute abdominal pathway within your department?

Yes

No

* 5. How are acute abdominal CT requests vetted?

Please select all that apply.

On-site radiology consultant/SpR

On-site radiographer

Off-site radiology consultant/SpR (in-house)

Off-site radiology consultant (teleradiology)

No vetting required

Other (please specify)

* 6. Who provides the first report for acute abdominal CT scans in-hours?

Please select all that apply.

- On-site radiology consultant
- On-site radiology SpR
- Off-site radiology consultant/SpR (in-house)
- Off-site radiology consultant (teleradiology)

* 7. Is there formal documentation between reporting radiologist and referring clinician for discussion of findings?

- Yes
- No

Out-of-hours

* 8. Define out-of-hours in your department.

* 9. Is there provision for out-of-hours emergency abdominal CT scans to be performed within your department?

- Yes >Q10
- No >Q15

* 10. Are patients with suspected acute abdominal pathology flagged via a standardised system to expedite CT reporting out-of-hours?

- Yes
- No

* 11. Is there an established acute abdominal pathway within your department out-of-hours?

- Yes
- No

* 12. How are acute abdominal CT requests vetted out-of-hours?

Please select all that apply.

- On-site radiology consultant/SpR
- On-site radiographer
- Off-site radiology consultant/SpR (in-house)
- Off-site radiology consultant (teleradiology)
- No vetting required
- Other (please specify)

* 13. Who provides the first report for acute abdominal CT scans out-of-hours?

Please select all that apply.

- On-site radiology consultant
- On-site radiology SpR
- Off-site radiology consultant/SpR (in-house)
- Off-site radiology consultant (teleradiology)

* 14. Is there formal documentation between reporting radiologist and referring clinician for discussion of findings out-of-hours?

- Yes
- No

15. Textbox for clarification of answers/comments

Thank you for completing the questionnaire.

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